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SUBJECT: JORDAN DELEGATIONS STATEMENTS IN MOSCOW ABOUT GENEVA MEPC

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1. JORDANIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF SENATOR ABDUL MUNI'M RIFAI DELEGATIONS VISIT TO MOSCOW REPORTED ALONG LINES REF A THAT TWO SIDES AGREED ON NEED TO RESUME GENEVA MEPC WITH PARTICIPATION OF PLO FROM THE BEGINNING. LOCAL MEDIA ALSO REPORT--APPARENTLY BEYOND WHAT CARRIED IN SOVIET PRESS THAT RIFAI STATED IN MOSCOW "THERE WAS NO REASON WHY JORDAN --WHICH ATTENDED THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE TWO YEARS AGAO--SHOULD JOIN" THE RESUMED CONFERENCE.

2. COMMENT: RIFAI'S DISCLAIMER ABOUT JORDAN'S PARTICIPATION
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AT GENEVA IS CONSISTENT WITH LINE KING HUSSEIN HAS TAKEN IN

RECENT PUBLIC DECLARATIONS (REF B) AND PRIVATELY. WHILE NOT ABSOLUTELY CLOSING DOOR AT ATTENDING GENEVA CONFERENCE, GOJ HAS ESTABLISHED PUBLIC RECORD THAT IT IS NOT PUSHING FOR SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD BE CONTRARY TO RABAT SUMMIT DECISION, AND IS POSITIONING ITSELF TO BE ABLE TO CLAIM THAT ANY ROLE IT MAY EVENTUALLY PLAY RE WEST BANK AT GENEVA WOULD HAVE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO WISHES OF ARAB CAMP, ESPECIALLY EGYPT, SYRIA, AND SAUDI ARABIA. GOJ EVENTUAL ATTENDANCE AT GENEVA NOT AS SPOKESMAN FOR PALESTINIANS' INTEREST BUT AS "CONFRONTATION STATE" IS ANOTHER MATTER AND NOT DISCLAIMED BY JORDANIAN OFFICIALS, BUT HAS BEEN PLACED BY PRIME MINISTER RIFIA IN THE CONTEXT OF (A) NOT REQUIRING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE OUTSET, BUT ONLY (B) AT THE END WHEN THEY WOULD ASSIST IN RATIFYING THE AGREEMENTS REACHED.
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